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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are currently pending. Claim 1 and claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 23-30 have been allowed and claims 3-19 are objected to but otherwise allowable. Claims 1, 4, 5, 11, and 17 have been amended. Claim 3 has been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, after entry of the amendment, the pending claims will be claims 1, 2, and 4-30.

In view of the above amendments, the Applicant believes that the grounds for rejection are now moot and respectfully requests withdrawal of the same.

SECTION 102(b) REJECTIONS

Claim 1 and claims 20-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,329,725 to Woodall ("Woodall"). Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 3, which the Examiner has indicated would be allowable. Accordingly, in view of the above amendment to claim 1, the Applicant believes that the grounds for rejection are now moot and respectfully requests withdrawal of the same.

SECTION 103(a) REJECTIONS

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Woodall in view of U.S. Patent Number 63,864,918. In view of the above amendment to claim 1, the Applicant believes that the grounds for rejection are now moot and respectfully requests withdrawal of the same.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

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